

Metamora Village Council met in regular session Monday, June 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Offices. Council present: Ken Wysong-pres. Ned Monroe, Cheryl Geer, Suzy Stough and Karon Lane. Absent John Hudik. Other officials present: Mayor Loar Fiscal Officer Karin Sauerlender, Deputy Clerk Sue Clendenin, Solicitor Alan Lehenbauer and Street Superintendent Chip Vance.

Guest: Donna Tills

Mayor Loar opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guest - Ms. Tills was recognized. She has concerns with the upcoming public hearing scheduled June 17 at 7:00 p.m. to review possible changes to the "Village Animal Ordinance." Ms. Tills is not opposed to 4H members having small animals such as rabbits, chickens, etc. but asked if it was fair or reasonable to exclude those not belonging to 4H, FFA or school programs, from raising small animals, per the proposed amendment to the animal ordinances. What about those who already have small animals and aren't aware rules prohibit raising them in the village. Will they be forced to give up their pet? Or for the child who would like a pet as his 4H neighbor has next door? What about boy scouts or girl scouts who get badges for training/raising animals? Aren't they as good of an institution as 4H? Consider the aging couple living next door to a 4H member raising small animals, such as chickens, they too could benefit from raising chickens that would help supplement their food supply and have the same size property as those allowed to raise small animals. What are the restrictions? Do they have to be housed a certain amount of feet from property lines? Do they have to remove manure from property? She's aware of other communities allowing small animals like chickens and they don't have problems. Why shouldn't Metamora, a small rural community allow raising chickens? Ken Wysong said the proposal was intended to just allow a brief period of time leading up to the fair for 4H members to raise small fair animals like chickens or rabbits; it was not intended to approve it across the board for everyone. An application would also have to be submitted to the village office for follow up.

Ms. Tills asked if allowing for the raising of small animals had to be limited, how the village would suffer making it permissible to others. Mayor Loar said it could be an issue if your neighbors wanted several animals. Ms. Tills suggested adding language limiting quantity of animals, as the current animal ordinance limits cats and dogs permitted. Mayor Loar said, limiting is possible, the village would have to deal with other problems like neighbor complaints of noise and/or smell. Wysong said the village is only looking at making an exception at this point to those individuals in the organizations mentioned who don't have an outside source/location to raise fair animals other than their home in the Village of Metamora. Right now it's not allowed in the village and the proposed change is just an exception for the few who qualify. Cheryl Geer said what she feels Ms. Tills is asking is to allow others, in addition to 4H, FFA members to raise small animals in the village and thinks Ms. Tills has a valid point. We need to be fair; restrictions could be included in amendment language. Years ago, her children, 4H members, raised rabbits in the village not knowing it wasn't allowed. We would have to have restrictions in place so it's controlled. Wysong said when you live in a city of village you have to think of others and be a good neighbor, which is why many ordinances are in place. Ms. Tills can't understand why a rural village the size of Metamora would not allow raising chickens, when cities larger like Toledo do, and don't have problems. Ms. Tills enjoys living in Metamora but would invite council to look at and think about. Ken Wysong said the law prohibiting small animals in the village has been in effect for many years. Ms. Tills responded laws on the books for a long time deserve to be re-examined.

Minutes- Cheryl Geer motioned to approve May 20, 2013 council minutes as written. Second of motion by Ken Wysong and approved by all council.

Reading of Bills –

Current bills to be paid:

Robert Sabo	Wages paid 06-04-13	\$ 321.40
Steve Mack	Wages paid 06-04-13	703.00
Norman Vance	Wages paid 06-04-13	1,506.84
City of Toledo	Load of Mulch	169.00

Mike's Repair	Repair park mower tire	16.00
VISA (Office Max)	Copy paper, pens, printer ink, flash drives (2)	209.73
OPWC	Loan payments	15,962.15
John Deere Financial	Repairs to tractor	70.06
Perry Protech	Maintenance agreement (3 mo.)	59.40
Toledo Electric	Village electric use	1,226.37
Treasurer of State	Dam safety inspection fee	258.55
Treasurer Fulton Co.	June police protection	425.00
Tri-County	Diesel fuel	394.79
VISA	Replacement bush, ballasts (2), gas	128.08
Ken Wysong	Toilet paper, paper towels, liquid hand soap	111.00

Bills to be paid later:

EFTPS	May medicare match	\$ 131.85
OPERS	May village match	1,621.04

Ken Wysong motioned to approve payment of bills. Second of motion by Ned Monroe and approved by all council.

Solicitor's report – Submitted Fulton County Dog Warden Ordinance for review and approval. Informed of decision by Common Pleas Court of Fulton County to dismiss civil lawsuit Carl Pope filed against the Village of Metamora. Council asked solicitor to prepare letter addressed to Midwest Carnival in regards to property maintenance and rent issues. Three year lease with Midwest Carnival expires February 14, 2015. Solicitor offered to review animal ordinances from other municipalities.

Old Business- Re-codification of village ordinances discussed. Council agreed to get a quote for updating and codifying village ordinances enacted since September 1, 2003 (when last codified) including traffic, general offenses, building and fire code updates to comply with State law. Clerks to ask the Walter Drane Company if electronic files can be made of codified ordinances.

DGL- Engineering Firm submitted a contract for engineering services for Parker Rd/CR2 Roadway Improvement Project for council review and acceptance. Engineering fees will be kept at Mannik & Smith's estimated cost of 14% of total project cost. After review, Cheryl Geer motioned to suspend the rules on Ordinance #852 entering into contract with DGL Consulting Engineers for engineering on Parker/CR2 roadway project. Second of motion by Ken Wysong. Roll call vote taken: Geer-yes, Stough-yes, Lane-yes, Monroe-yes and Wysong-yes. Wysong motioned to pass Ordinance 825 under emergency measure. Second of motion by Ned Monroe. Roll call vote taken: Geer-yes, Stough-yes, Lane-yes, Monroe-yes and Wysong-yes. Ordinance 852 passed.

New Business – The street superintendent said we need to buy new sewer pumps for the East Main Street pump station, would like buy three to have one as a backup, but could get by with two this year and budget for another next year. Also, need to purchase two new valves at a cost \$600 each for the Swanton Street pump station and rebuild existing pumps to use in the Swanton Street pump station. New pumps will cost about \$5,000 each, reconditioning old ones will cost about \$1,500 each. It was decided to buy (2) new pumps, (2) new valves and refurbish (3) pumps at a total cost of \$15,200. After discussion, council decided to advance the sewer fund necessary funds to cover purchases. Ken Wysong motioned to suspend the rules on Ordinance 853 advancing the sewer fund \$12,000 to be repaid by June 3, 2018 due date. Second of motion by Ned Monroe. Roll call vote taken: Geer-yes, Stough-yes, Lane-yes, Monroe-yes and Wysong-yes. Wysong motioned to pass Ordinance 853 under emergency measure. Second of motion by Ned Monroe. Roll call vote taken: Geer-yes, Stough-yes, Lane-yes, Monroe-yes and Wysong-yes. **Ordinance #853 passed.**

Ball Lights – it was decided to have Edison turn on ball light meter June 11 (when billing cycle begins) and turn off July 10, unless EYA would like to pay costs to have on another month to include their tournaments.

Holiday Parade – historically has been scheduled the first Sunday in December, EHS band director informed the band is unable to participate December 1 (due to Thanksgiving break) but could

participate if parade was changed to the second Sunday, December 8th. Council agreed to reschedule parade for Sunday, December 8th at 5:30 to allow the band to participate.

Mill St. Property – Chip got price from Country-Side Farms, Steve Schmitz to tile property behind the Mill Street shop at a cost of \$1,100 (max.) per acre, plus a cost estimate of \$3,000 to cut down trees and brush to ground level. Village owns approximately 5 acres behind shop. Kevin Shaw has dozer and three bottom plow to remove smaller stumps, and plow soil. Mr. Shaw interested in farming acreage in exchange for plowing. Country-Side said it would take three days with excavator to take down trees and tile afterwards. Chip didn't have time to get written bids from either party. Mayor Loar said Country Side Farms only has the next three weeks to install tile, after that he's busy for four to six months. Midwest Drainage also could tile the area in June, but doesn't have equipment to remove trees. Chip unable to get tile quote from Midwest Drainage. Geer said we should pursue cleaning property because we are in violation our own zoning code in regards to tall weeds and would make property farmable. Chip said Jeff Truckor farms surrounding property and also voiced an interest in farming. Cheryl Geer motioned to allow mayor to enter into contract with Country Side Farms not to exceed \$8,500 to remove trees and tile approximately 5 acres of village property behind the Mill Street shop. Second of motion by Suzy Stough and approved by all council. Chip to get bid from Kevin Shaw to remove stumps from property.

Fulton County Dog Warden Ordinance- Cheryl Geer motioned to suspend the rules on Ordinance #854 entering agreement with the Fulton County Commissioners for Dog Warden services. Second of motion by Ken Wysong. Roll call vote taken: Geer-yes, Stough-yes, Lane-yes, Monroe-yes and Wysong-yes. Geer motioned to pass Ordinance #854 under emergency measure. Second of motion by Ned Monroe. Roll call vote taken: Geer-yes, Stough-yes, Lane-yes, Monroe-yes and Wysong-yes.

Ordinance #854 passed.

Flag Day Proclamation – Gleaner Life Insurance Society requested Flag Proclamation was read. Flag burning at the VFW June 14.

Signage- Council member Ken Wysong spoke to ODOT in regards to safety concerns involving intersection at CRU and Parker Road/CR2. Flashing stop signs cost of \$1,500 each. Suggested special plaque for bottom of stop sign that makes stop sign more visible and reads; Cross Traffic Does Not Stop at a cost of \$35 per sign. Village eligible to join state purchasing program for signage. Chip said we can but stop signs from the county for \$30 each. Get sign cost also from the county and check on availability of cross traffic signage.

Chamber Update – council member Cheryl Geer has been attending Fulton County Chamber meetings the first Friday of every month. If council not supportive she will no longer attend. Sponsored through the CIC of Fulton County where they have brought chambers together throughout the county, Metamora not large enough to support a chamber. They are currently sponsoring a campaign to shop local. Asking for financial support from communities. Council suggested Geer continues attending meetings unless it's found not beneficial to the village.

Fiscal Officer's report – asked council if willing to unlock and lock park shelters for reservations. Council decided to offer summer employee \$25 per reservation, if not interested; clerks will do for same compensation.

Requested the following transfers:

<u>FROM</u>		<u>TO</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
A1-7-X-250	Capital Outlay	A1-7-E-251	Land Improvement	\$ 8,500.00
A1-7-X-250	Capital Outlay	A1-7-X-271-1	Transfer to Sewer	8,000.00
A1-7-X-250	Capital Outlay	A1-7-X-272	Advance to Sewer	12,000.00
E2-5-X-250	Capital Outlay	E2-5-J-235	Equipment Repair	1,500.00
<u>Increase Appropriations</u>				
E2-5-C-252	Equipment			\$10,000.00

